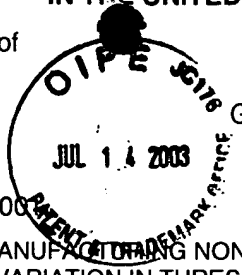


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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action dated March 12, 2003 (for which petition is hereby made for a one month extension of time), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the following paragraphs in the specification for corresponding paragraphs previously presented. A copy of the amended specification paragraphs showing current revisions is attached.

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13, with the following rewritten

paragraph/s:

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